Passengar Facilities at Chandigarh Station

794. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the facilities provided at Chanidgarh Station have been rendered inadequate due to the increase in passenger traffic and improvement in rail services; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve these facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Raw Industrial Effluents in Chandigarh

795. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chandigarh Union Territory Administration disposes of raw industrial effluents on adjoining lands;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to divert effluents through the sewerage treatment plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The industrial effluents are being discharged into the sewage system carrying domestic sewage. Only a part of the wastewater is treated at the primary level, the rest is disposed of on land and a small quantity is used for irrigation.

(c) A sewerage treatment plant has been constructed to treat the entire effluent generated and the Government has advised the industries not to dispose of their effluents on land.

Super Fast Train Between Chandigarh and Amritsar

796. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the heavy rush of passengers between Chandigarh and Amritsar; and

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to introduce a super fast train between these two stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The present level of traffic between Chandigarh and Amritsar is being adequately catered to by 4 slip coaches running between Amritsar and Kalka via Ambala Cantt. and Chandigarh by 8101/8102 Tata-Hatia-Amritsar Express and 4587/4588 Chandigarh Express. As such, there is no proposal at present to introduce any super fast train between these stations.

Adult Education in Chandigarh

797. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated to Chandigarh for adult education during each of the last three years; and

(b) the number of persons made fully literate during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). A sum of Rs. 29.72